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FOLLOWING NICOSIA 1614 SENT STATE INFO STUTTGART CINCENUR
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C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 1614

STUTTGART FOR ELG

E.O. PYTWC GDS

TAGS: AEMR PINT PFOR CY

SUBJECT: EVACUATION

REF:STATE 158068

1. HELO EVACUATION FROM DKEDELIA REQUIRES NO COORDINATION
WITH GREEKS OR TURKS. NATIONAL GUARD NOT OPERATING IN
BRITISH BASE AREAS AND APPROACHES ARE CLEAR AND OVER
BRITISH TERRITORIAL WATERS. TURKS NOT OPERATING IN AREA
AND HAVE SPECIFICALLY INDICATED WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH
MOVEMENTS IN ENTIRE LARNACA/LIMASSOL AREA.

2. ACCOMMODATIONS PRIMITIVE. FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE,
BUT IT APPEARS UNLIKELY EVACUEES WILL HAVE BEDS. THERE
OVER 5-6,000 EVACUEES IN DHEKET
A, -- OURS SPENT NIGHT ON
FLOOR OF AVAILABLE BUILDINGS.

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3. SINCE EVACUATION WELL PUBLICIZED, PLUS INTENT TO MOVE

EVACUEES ON FROM DHEKELIA, WE DO NOT BELIEVE EITHER TURKS
OR GREEKS LIKELY TO READ ANY SIGNIFICANCE INTO COMPLETION
OF OPERATION.

4. WE AT THIS POINT DO NOT KNOW WHETHER WE CAN BANK ON
CEASEFIRE TO EXTENT OF HOLDING UP MOVEMENT FROM DHEKELIA
IN ORDER TO SEE WHETHER EVACUEES CAN RETURN TO NICOSIA.
EVEN IF CEASEFIRE SUCCESSFUL
WE ASSUME IT WILL BE A WEEK
OR MORE BEFORE WE CAN BE CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS. MEANWHILE,
BRITISH ACCEPTED OUR MOVEMENT TO DHEKELIA ON EXPRESS UNDER-
STANDING EVACUEES WOULD REMAIN THERE ONLY BRIEFLY.

5. WE ARE AWARE OF BROADER CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED IN
PUTTING CEASEFIRE
INTO EFFECT, BUT FOR REASONS CITED ABOVE
RECOMMEND THAT INSTRUCTIONS BE ISSUED FOR IMMEDIATE ONWARD
MOVEMENT OF DEPENDENTS TO SAFEHAVEN.
DAVIES UNQUOTE KSSINGER

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